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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006. Applicants are filing herewith a Petition for a two-month extension of time. Accordingly, the time to file this response has been extended to June 5, 2006 and this response is being timely filed. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.